



Abby Kelly - Lecture on Slavery

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A. H. Chapman

My dear friend -

I would introduce
to you my sister, A. Lucy Kelly
who visits Boston at this time to at-
tend the Fair - She would be happy
to receive whatever suggestions she
can as to the best means of con-
ducting Fairs, as we trust the little
sewing circle recently formed in this
place will get up a Sale of useful
articles occasionally, and do whatever
they can in other ways to subserve
the cause.

That you will have a happy
week, this, I doubt not, and my
earnest desire is that there may
be no thing left behind, but that

upon reflection all may feel
satisfied that whatever has been
done has promoted righteousness—
has been to the glory of God—

One word as to the Mass. Fair
Why do they not send out their agents
I am in wonder when I look
at the condition of affairs in the
State— It will not do— I protest
against it in the name of the Slave

Had I a dozen clay tokens of my
own and soul to fill them is not
wanting the Old Bay State should
baste herself— I blush for Mass.
while I am abroad and were I not
absolutely bound to absent myself
I would not for a day.— I am
at home now for a little time in
consequence of sickness in our family—
It ^{was} well for me that I was
sent for, as I found on visiting

down in my own home and
throwing off all thought of what
I "must do", I was myself quite sick.

It is very trying even to a good
constitution, this going from place
to place in the cold weather sometimes
in an oven house and then in an
icy cold one, sometimes compelled
to breathe over again the air from
three or four hundred lungs crowded
into a house somewhat after the fash-
ion of human cattle on the Middle
Passage, and then going forthwith into
the keen air with the lungs in a
state of exhaustion having been talk-
ing from an hour and a half to
three hours. It is not till very
recently that I have been willing
to believe I was sustaining any in-
jury but I am compelled to believe
it and for the future until I regain

my wanted paper I shall not
lecture every evening in the week
nor speak so long at a time
'Tis easy to make such resolutions
but the thought of the three millions come
up to break them - How long, O'Leary?
Yours as ever Abby Felt,

Ms. 3449

of course

M. W. Chapman

P.S. I have much use for "Right and
Wrong in Mass." If you have any
on hand and can spare them a
few copies will be of eminent use
A.C.